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west then)—he declared himself to be in favor of preserving the Union regardless of the result of the election. That attitude led to his acting with the Republican party during the war between the States and on up to 1867. That year he supported Gov. Marshall F. Moore, an able general in the Union army, the Democratic nominee for delegate to Congress from Washington Territory. After that he was an independent Democrat the remainder of his life—always as ready to denounce wrongdoing in his own party as in the opposition.

Mr. Murphy was a member of the city council of Olympia for years, and was responsible for the organization of the Olympia Volunteer Fire Department. He was county school superintendent for one term, territorial auditor for two terms and state auditor for one term. In 1890 he built the Olympia Theatre—the first structure erected in that city especially for that purpose.

His passing marks the end of the career of a man who bore a prominent part in the history of Washington Territory and State, and whose record as an editor led to the most unique tribute ever given to any one in the profession on the Pacific Coast. This was evidenced by the gathering of editors and pioneers from all parts of the Pacific Northwest in Olympia at a banquet in his honor on the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of his paper and the presentation of a beautiful silver loving cup suitably inscribed.

He died on December 20, 1916, as the result of an attack of blood poisoning two and a half years before.

Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Eliza Jane McGuire in Portland on April 18, 1861, and to them ten children were born, three of whom survive their father. Their mother died in 1895. He was married a second time to Mrs. Susan Sprague.

WILLIAM ABERNETHY

The last person connected with the early Protestant missions of Oregon up to 1840, William Abernethy, died at his home

in Forest Grove, Oregon, December 31, 1916. He was born in New York City in 1831, and came with his parents and one sister around Cape Horn to Oregon, leaving New York October 9, 1839, and arriving at Fort Vancouver June 1, 1840. His father, George Abernethy, was born in New York October 8, 1807, and was married to Anne Pope January 15, 1830. This family, with a number of others, numbering in all forty-five persons, formed the "great re-enforcement" to the Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church established by Rev. Jason Lee late in the year 1834. Before coming to Oregon George Abernethy had acquired experience in merchandising, and as steward of the missionary party opened a store at Oregon City. This brought him before the public quite prominently, and hence when it was deemed necessary by the people to have a "more stable form of government" than that of the original Provisional Government initiated on May 2, 1843, under which a committee of three were empowered to perform executive duties, the office of governor was created and he was elected to fill that position on June 3, 1845. Governor Abernethy was re-elected on June 3, 1847, and served until March 3, 1849, when General Joseph Lane assumed the duties of his office, having been appointed governor of the newly constituted Territory of Oregon by President Polk. Governor Abernethy died in Portland May 2, 1877.

William Abernethy was in business with his father, first as a clerk and later as a partner. He was married at The Dalles to Miss Sarah Fidelia Gray, the second daughter of William H. and Mrs. Mary Augusta Dix Gray, on June 24, 1863. To this union thirteen children were born, ten of whom, with their mother, are living.

In 1861 Mr. Abernethy secured a farm on the west side of the Willamette river opposite Milwaukie. In 1891 he sold out and removed to Dora, Coos county, thirty-five miles west of Roseburg. After getting the farm well along under cultivation, he removed to Forest Grove in 1904, in order to give his children better educational advantages.